

(3) what is the expenditure incurred subsequently for the items of work in progress referred to in the answer to the above question?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) (a) Constructing sluices for the branch channels of the Chittur Irrigation systems.

(b) Reconstructing Panankutti bridge.

(c) Dredging shallow portions of the backwater for the water barge.

(2) Amount of the estimate.		Actual cost.	
	Rs.		Rs.
(a)	500	459—11—9	completed.
(b)	31,140	17,354—11—4	do
(c)	2,500	2,443—4—9	do
(3) (a) Rs.	346—5—5½		
(b) "	17,354—11—4.		
(c) "	287—5—4.		

Cost of acquisition of the Chittur Anicut Systems.

155. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total cost of acquisition of the anicut systems Them-baramadakku and Kunnamkattupathi in Chittur Taluk;

(2) the average permanent water cess collected under these systems for the last three years;

(3) the average expenditure for the last three years for their maintenance;

(4) what amount the Government have spent in the last three years for original works in these systems?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The Kunnamkattupathi Irrigation system was acquired at a cost of Rs. 97,177—0—0, while the Them-baramadakku system was surrendered by the owners on certain conditions.

(2) Rs. 2,011—13—7 under Kunnamkattupathi and Rs. 5,136—12—7 under Them-baramadakku.

(3) and (4) A statement showing the expenditure for maintenance and on capital works for the last three years is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Do these figures represent only the amounts collected from British?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think they do.

President.—They include all those.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know what was the original work done in Kunnamkattupathi in 1104?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Last year we made a certain revetment wall near the river to safeguard canals and

then we did some concrete works on the canal and some repairs.

Irrigation Works.

156. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table:—

(a) (i) a list of the permanent irrigation works (major and minor) constructed or maintained by the Government up-to-date showing when they were constructed and the cost of construction; (ii) a list of the temporary irrigation works (major and minor) which are being constructed by the Government from year to year;

(b) (i) will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government collects any cess from the people benefited by the works mentioned in clauses (i) and (ii) above; and if so, what;

(ii) whether the cess is being collected as a tax or as interest on the capital invested by the Government; if the latter, what is the rate per cent collected in respect of the several works mentioned above?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (i) and (ii). The list is placed on the Council Table. As regards the date and cost of construction of the irrigation works, information is either not available or difficult to be gathered, as the construction relates to different periods in the distant past.

(b) (i). In the case of the minor irrigation works, no cess is collected but notice was taken at the time of settlement when the lands benefited by these works were assigned their 'Tarams'.

In the case of the major works, Government levy water-cess in the following cases. In the Chittur taluk, cess is collected only in the case of lands classified as *Parambas* at the settlement and subsequently converted into *Niloms*. The cess levied for such conversions is Rs. 5 per acre for single crop. An additional cess of Rs. 2—8—0 per acre is levied when a second crop is raised. In the Cochin-Kanayannur taluk, water-cess, at the rate of Rs. 3 per acre, is levied for the supply of water from the Manapat Chira. This cess is levied only in the case of lands not included in the Ayacut statement.

(ii) The cess is being collected as a tax.

157. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any committee was appointed by the Government to lay down a vigorous policy of development of irrigation as recommended by the Legislative Council by a resolution passed on 10th March 1926;

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

No. of Juveniles.

1926	10
1927	15
1928	6
1929	10

Delay in the publication of Council Proceedings.

182. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the reasons for the long delay now usually found in publishing the reports of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The delay is due to the delay on the part of some Members in revising and returning their speeches and to the pressure of work in the Government Press.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 155.)

Statement of expenditure for the last 3 years on Kunnamkattupathi and Thembaramadakku Irrigation systems.

Year	Names of systems	Amount			Remarks
		Rs.	A.	P.	
	Maintenance of Kunnamkattupathi				
1102	Do	1,714	15	4	
1103	Do	1,654	4	0	
1104	Do	1,671	0	0	
	Do Thembaramadakku				
1102	Do	1,296	13	11	
1103	Do	1,288	5	1	
1104	Do	1,287	0	0	
	Improvements of Kunnamkattupathi				
1102	Do				
1103	Do	1,355	8	3	
1104	Do	6,678	2	5	
	Do Thembaramadakku				
1102	Do				
1103	Do	2,416	13	0	
1104	Do	1,018	0	0	